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The First Hansom.

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Peep II.

Primeval Billiards.

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Peep III.

Pre-"Historicus" and his Finance Bill.

A comparatively quiet Budget Night in the Primeval Parliament.

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Prez "Historicus" and his Finance Bill.

Peep IV

The Trials of a Coach.

"Coaching" from the Bank was no Sinecure even in those days. (The "Eight" all Sixes and Sevens—and only a few Days to the Race.)

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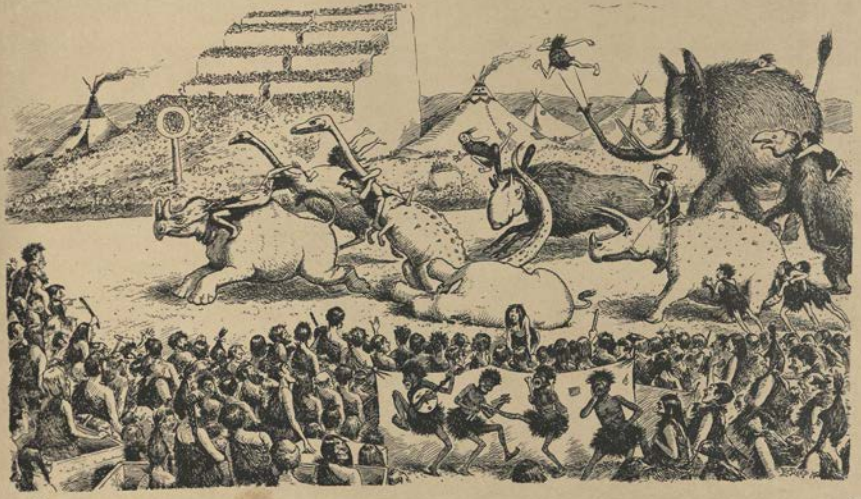
The Trials of a Coach.

Peep V.

The Great Race.

Even the "Derby" had its Primeval counterpart.



The Great Race.

Peep VI.

Primeval Sculpture.

A Visit to an Artist's Studio.

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Primeval Sculpture.

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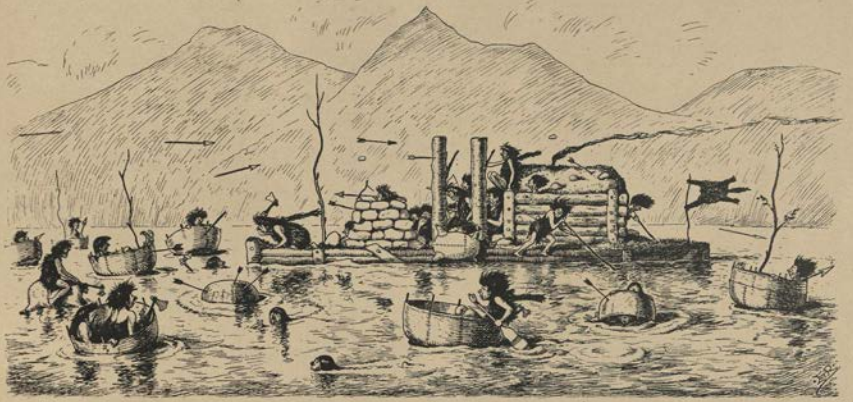
An Unrecorded Naval Engagement.



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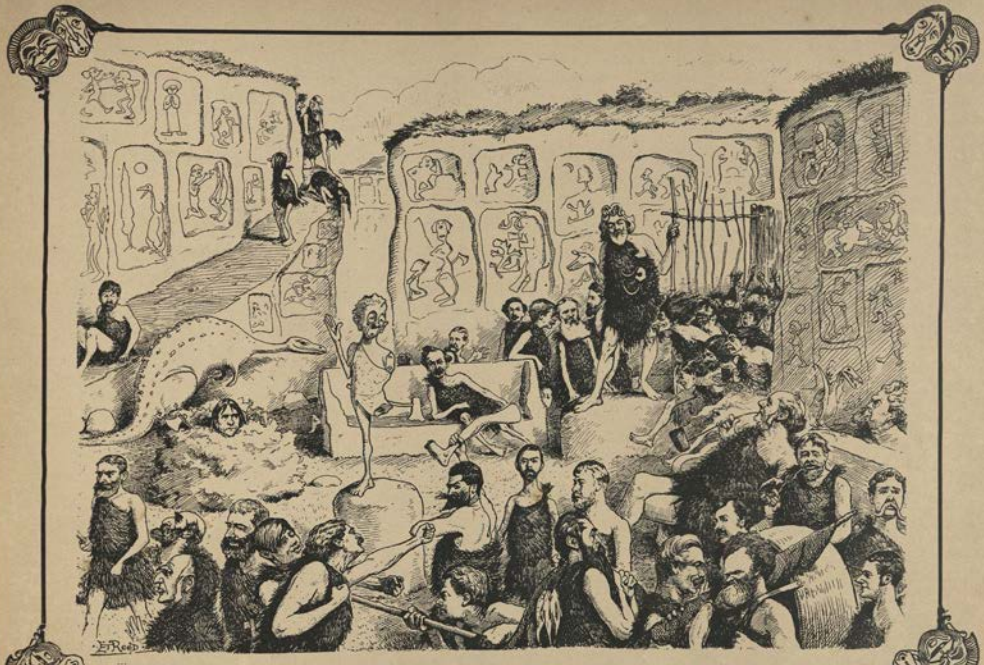
The Year's Art.

Opening of the Primeval Royal Academy.



Peep IX.

"No Bathing To-Day."

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Peep X.

A Peaceful Health Resort.

There were even then Quiet Spots by the Sea where one could be alone with Nature undisturbed.

A Peaceful Health-Resort.

Peep XI.

A Little Quiet Whist.

The End of the Game.

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A Little Quiet Whist.

Peep XII.

The Annual Water Fête.

It is quite a mistake to suppose that Henley Regatta was not anticipated in earliest times.

The Annual Water Fête.

Peep XIII.

A Day in the Country.

Even a little Holiday Outing was not wholly free from Risk.

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A Day in the Country.

Peep XIV.

A Cricket Match.

"How's that, Umpire?"

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A Cricket Match.

Peep XV.

The Unsociable Mammoth.

Owing to his notorious eccentricity their relations with the local Mammoth were somewhat strained.

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The Unsociable Mammoth.

Peep XVI.

Rugby Rules.

The Annual Football Match between the Old Red Sandstone Rovers and the Pliocene Wanderers was immensely and deservedly popular.

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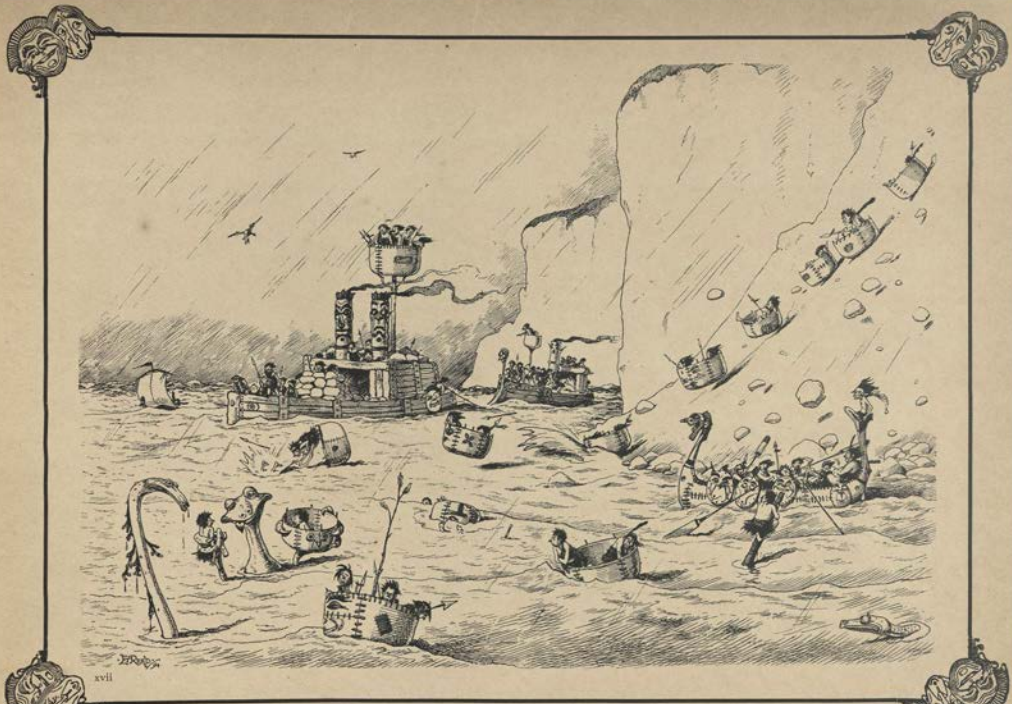
Rugby Rules.

Peep XVII.

The Fleet at Exercise.

The Naval Manœuvres afforded much pleasurable excitement to those concerned.



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The Fleet at Exercise.

Peep XVIII.

Prehistoric Lord Mayor's Show.

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Peep XIX.

"Two can Play, etc., etc."

There were often unforeseen circumstances which gave to the Highland Stalking of those days an added zest.

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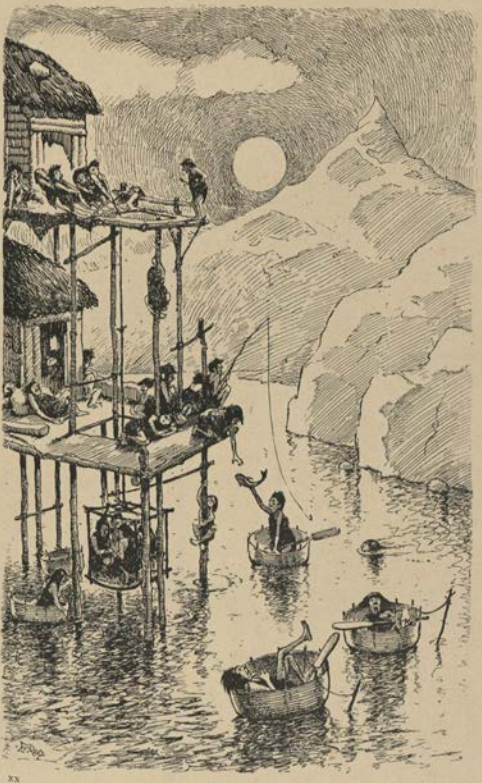
"Two can Play, etc., etc."

Peep XX.

Lake Mansions, S.W.

A nocturne which would seem to show that "Residential Flats" were not wholly unknown even in Primeval times.



Lake Mansions. S.W.

Peep XXI.

A Little Covert-Shooting.

Dragons plentiful, and strong on the wing.

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A Little Covert-Shooting.

Peep XXII.

A Night Caudal Lecture on Evolution.

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A Night Caudal Lecture on Evolution.

Peep XXIII.

Bank-Holiday of the Period.

There were seasons (corresponding to our Easter, etc.) when the Inhabitants of one accord gave themselves up to relaxation and amusement.

Bank-Holiday of the Period.

Peep XXIV.

Amenities of the Law.

The procedure in the Law Courts had many points of resemblance to our own, but at times it was extremely difficult to give undivided attention to the evidence.

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Amenities of the Law.

Peep XXV.

The Skating Season.

During a considerable portion of the year the skating was excellent, and was much enjoyed by all classes.

The Skating Season.

Peep XXVI.

Primeval Pantomime.

It certainly was somewhat disconcerting when the RÉAL **Animal suddenly turned** up in the Stage Box.

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Primeval Pantomime.

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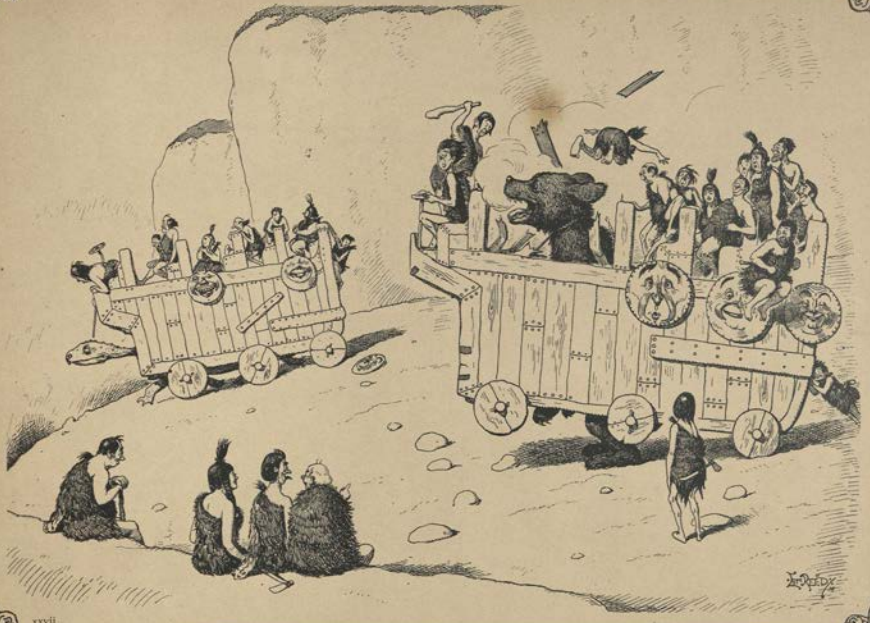
Prehistoric Auto-Motors.

The great difficulty was the unreliability of the Motive Power, and its uncertainty prevented any very general adoption of the System.



Prehistoric Auto-Motors.

Peep XXVIII.

A Prehistoric Jubilee.

Our Artist assures us that he has accurately represented the scene of loyalty and enthusiasm at a principal point of the route, so what can we do but take his word for it.

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A Prehistoric Jubilee.

Peep XXIX.

The Great "Servant Difficulty."

The difficulty of obtaining reliable "Cook-Generals" was acutely felt in the Remotest Times. "Fringes" and "Followers" were then, as now, fruitful sources of trouble between Mistress and Maid.

The Great "Servant Difficulty."

Peep XXX.

Prehistoric Fashoda.

There was an eccentric "tribe" in those days who had a most ludicrous little way of creeping in and squatting on other people's property; the more untenable the ground the more they gloated over their bravery and sagacity in getting there. They relied on the charity of the invaded tribe for food and clothing, and the means of communicating with their friends. It was a transient joy, but afforded them exquisite pleasure while it lasted.

Prehistoric Fashoda.

Peep XXXI.

Civic Festivities in Prehistoric Times.

Return of Lord Kitchener from the Soudan Campaign.

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Civic Festivities in Prehistoric Times.

Peep XXXII.

"Prehistoric Scotland" De-Pict-ed.

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Peep XXXIII.

Mixed Bathing in the Stone Age.

The "Mixed Bathing" on the coasts certainly did not err on the side of dulness and monotony. It rendered the Census returns, however recent, extremely unreliable.

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Mixed Bathing in the Stone Age.

Peep XXXIV.

Ping-Pong in the Stone Age.

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Peep XXXV.

A Primeval Yacht Race.

Somehow or other, in those days, a breeze was more often forthcoming when it was wanted, and the race did occasionally end in favour of the challenger.

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A Primeval Yacht Race.

Peep XXXVI.

A Prehistoric "'Punch' Dinner."

The weekly discussion of the Cartoon was full of incident and pleasurable excitement.

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A Prehistoric "Punch" Dinner.

Tailpiece.

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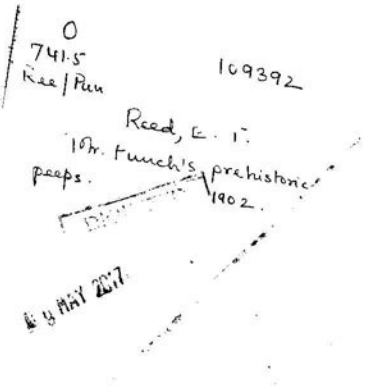

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